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By Jessica Gallart  
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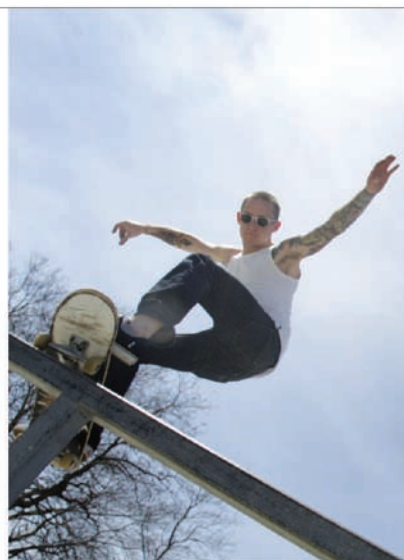
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Chicago comedians, including "Laugh Track" co-founder Adam Guerino and local funnywoman Ever Mainard, perform LGBT-themed sets at Pride Comedy Show. 7:30 p.m. Friday. \$5.

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If you haven't already, unearth your wheels from storage for the Schubas Bike Bash. Local shops offer tuneups, workshops and demos. All-girl BMX group The Racketeers and DJs also perform. Energize for the World Naked Bike Ride later in the evening with \$2 Schlitz and food specials. 1-5 p.m. Saturday.



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Logan Park Skate Park, 2430 W. Logan Blvd.

Do not perform the stunts you see at the Maloof Road Tour without the supervision of professionals. Check out the line and trick contest at 1 p.m., the Vans barbecue (3-6 p.m.), and live music all afternoon at the [weekend skateboarding bash](http://weekendskateboardingbash.com). 1-6 p.m. Saturday: [maloofmoneycup.com](http://maloofmoneycup.com)



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Reclaim the meaning of "flash mob" at Improv Everywhere's Mp3 Experiment interactive improv event, presented as part of TBS' Just for Laughs comedy festival. Follow the instructions online to take part, or just stop by the park to gawk. 1:30 p.m. Sunday: [bit.ly/mp3flashmob](http://bit.ly/mp3flashmob).



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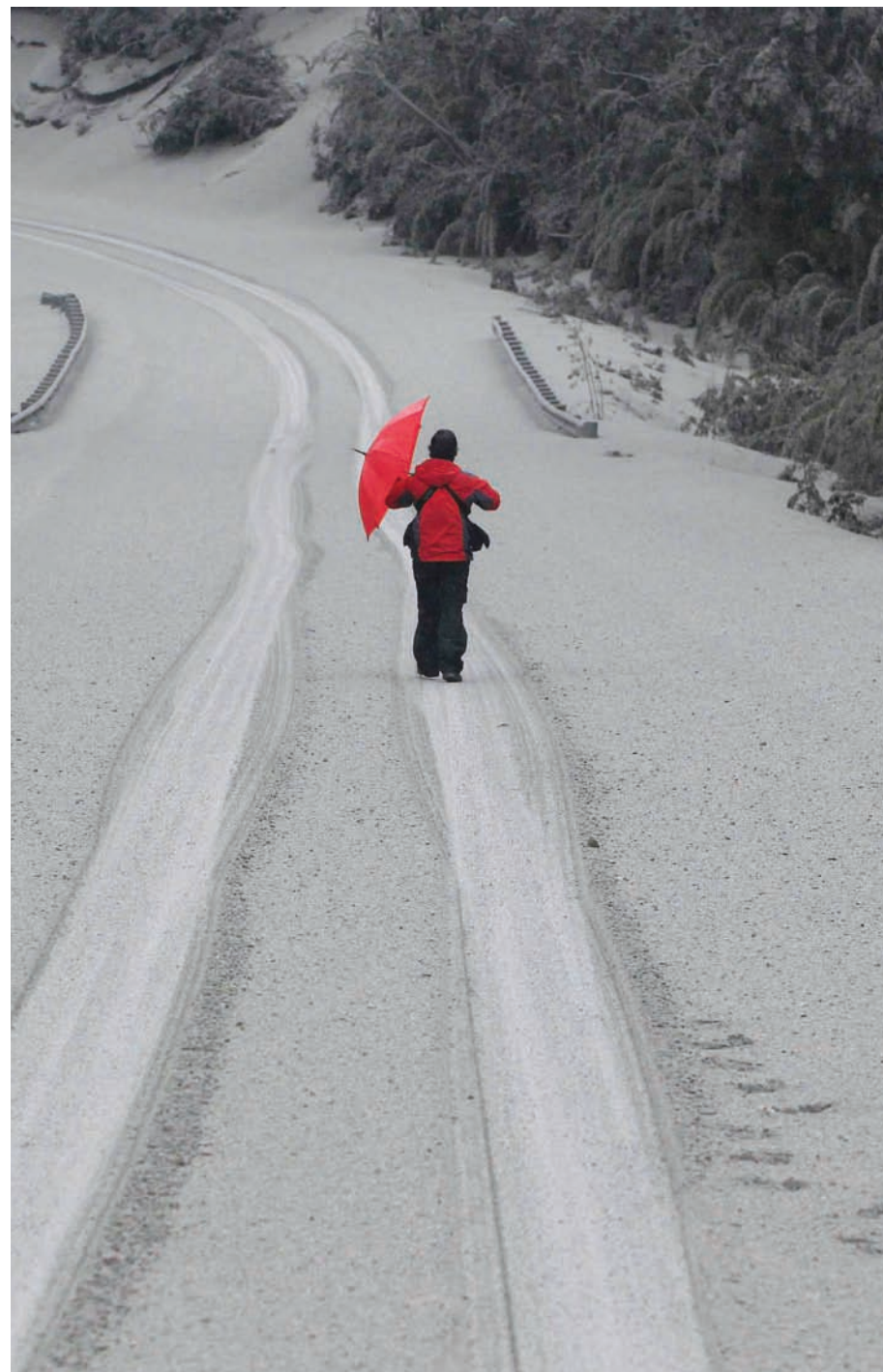


Smoke billows over the White Mountains in Concho, Ariz., on Thursday. Authorities say the massive wildfire that displaced as many as 11,000 people was no longer growing. **REUTERS**

# WORLD VIEW

Scorching temperatures on the East Coast. Wildfires out West. And a volcano erupting in South America. It seems like every direction you turn these days, there's a hot news story going on. Here, a look at the news in pictures.

A boy is silhouetted against the sun in a circular courtyard Thursday at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C. Temperatures in the area hovered near 100 degrees for the second day in a row, breaking record highs for the day in several East Coast cities. **REUTERS**



Volcanic ash covers a road this week near the Cardenal Samore border pass between Argentina and Chile. A volcano, dormant for decades, erupted in south-central Chile on Saturday, belching ash more than six miles into the sky and into Argentina. **REUTERS**

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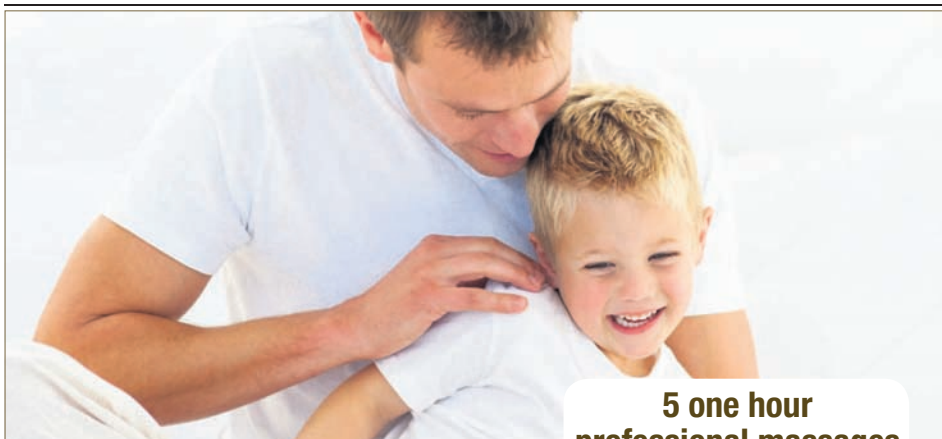
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## Seriously, relax about this 'Monster' video

Music video police, put the bullhorn down, step away from the soapbox and holster your righteous indignation.

I assure you that upcoming generations and womankind will not be harmed by the existence of Kanye West's "Monster" video, featuring Nicki Minaj, Rick Ross and Jay-Z.

The official video, released this week, truly features images that are eerie: models hanging from nooses, Nicki Minaj going all "Hostel" on a bound victim and a gratuitous shot of Rick Ross' sloppy gut.

Still, the video is not deserving of a boycott because it is misogynistic, as some blog critics and notable feminists, including Sharon Haywood, contend.

It is, instead, artistic.

West, legendary hubris aside, is one of the few artists who relish the "art" in their title, proof of which abounds in the videos for "All of the Lights," "Touch the Sky" and "Coldest Winter."

To rage against him over this video is to waste time better spent on worse offenders.

Those seeking to smoke out members of the He-man Woman Hater's Club need to keep searching.

It won't take long to land a new target. There are a slew of other music videos or, in some cases, soft-core porn segments, in dire need of attention.

Jiggling breasts, bouncing bottoms and splayed legs abound in the videos for artists including Lil Wayne, Gucci Mane, Waka Flocka, Pitbull, T.I., the aforementioned Rick Ross and Poison throwbacks.

Worse yet, the lyrics and images in a number of those works serve to exoticize those of mixed racial heritage, denigrate darker skinned women or reduce females to props that only rappers and rockers deserve.

For example, check out one of the most sickening displays of sexism and uncouthness I've seen in several years. Google "Walmart" + "Mr. Ghetto" and prepare to sit aghast as scantily clad women wiggle and wobble their way through the aisles of a supercenter.

When compared with such nonsense, West's imagery, though disturbing, is more of an art-house ode to "Thriller," with the models standing in for zombies. The video may be ham-handed and moderately pretentious, but it is highly doubtful it was made out of spite for women.

Surely you know that West, aka the "Louis Vuitton Don," does not hate models. Far from it. The fashion-forward MC almost idolizes the leggy, beautiful women of the world and famously drew disdain for following only those of their ilk when he joined Twitter.

West may be pompous and an acquired taste for those outside his fan base, but the rap equivalent of controversial French thinker Marquis Du Sade he's not.

For that dubious honor, I nominate Mr. Ghetto.



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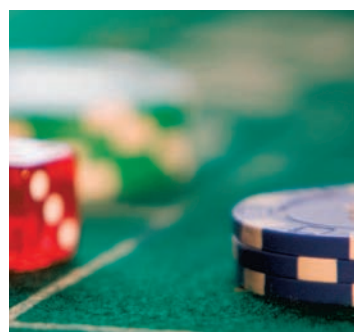
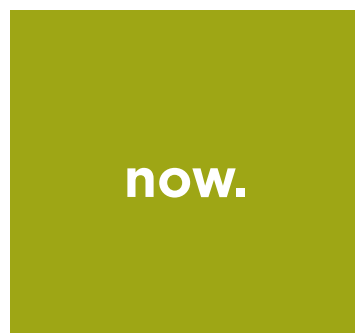
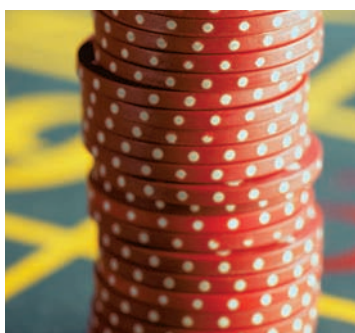
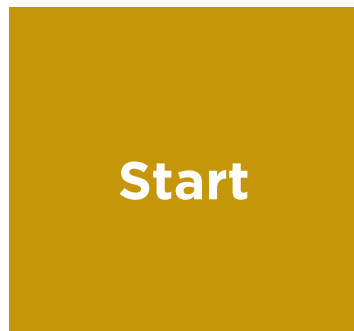
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Jesse Andersen was robbed of his iPod by several youths early Thursday on the Red Line. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

# Billy Corgan's brother punched, robbed on CTA

## Chicago Tribune

The brother of rock musician Billy Corgan was mugged on a Red Line train on the Near North Side on Thursday morning by a group who punched him and took his iPod, police say.

Jesse Andersen said he was riding the CTA Red Line train on his way to his 5 a.m. shift at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, listening to Nelly Furtado on his iPod.

Several teens started walking around the train and bothering people, including one who approached Andersen and tried to get him to do a fist bump, he said.

One person from the group—whom Andersen described as a “tomboy” wearing a red baseball cap—sat next to him, asked who he was listening to and snatched his

iPod from his hand.

“I’m like, ‘Give it back to me ... Give it back. Give it back,’ ” Andersen said. He said one person from the group then replied, “It’s your damn loss, brother.”

The iPod changed hands among the teens as two of them, one wearing a navy blue shirt and another wearing a white shirt, blocked him from trying to get it back, he said. When the train stopped at the southbound Chicago Avenue platform, Andersen said he chased after them.

One of the teens punched him in the face, and the group escaped. Andersen said he mostly suffered a “bruised ego.”

“I guess my ego took the best of me,” Andersen said.

The assailants, believed to be four males

and the one female, were described as 15 to 25 years old, Chicago police said. No one was in custody.

On Corgan’s Twitter page Thursday, the Smashing Pumpkins frontman shared the news with his fans: “My little brother Jesse was attacked and robbed this morning by 3 men. he’s ok, but if you want to send him some love.”

This morning’s attack followed a Wednesday afternoon mugging at the Brown Line stop three blocks away, in which a group stole a male victim’s wallet and iPhone. That group was composed of four to six people, with one of them possibly female, police said. But police couldn’t say if the same people were responsible for both attacks.



“My little brother Jesse was attacked and robbed this morning by 3 men. he’s ok, but if you want to send him some love.”

—Billy Corgan’s tweet on Thursday

# Guilty verdict in Chicago terror trial

## Chicago Tribune

A Chicago businessman was found guilty Thursday of supporting a terrorist plot to storm a Danish newspaper and behead the staff in retaliation for publishing unflattering cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

Tahawwur Hussain Rana was acquitted of the most serious allegation lodged by federal authorities—that he aided in the deadly 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai by letting a longtime friend use his business as a cover as he scouted targets in India.

Prosecutors charged Rana played a similar role in the Danish plot—letting David Coleman Headley pose as a representative of his immigration business as he checked out locations in Denmark to attack. But those plans were never carried out.

Rana had little reaction to the verdict. His family wept quietly and hung their heads after U.S. District Judge Harry Levinweber read the verdicts in court.

His lawyers maintained Rana was duped by Headley in both plots. Headley, the government’s star witness, testified he told Rana of the terrorist plans in both Mumbai and Denmark.

Headley, a shady character whose credibility was at issue during the eight-day trial, testified that he worked for Lashkar in scouting the Mumbai attacks and also in discussions about the plot to attack the Copenhagen newspaper.

## Blago jury to dive into deliberations Friday

The fate of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich is in the hands of a federal jury at his corruption retrial.

U.S. District Court Judge James Zagel instructed jurors on the law following closing arguments by the lawyers and then sent them from the courtroom at about 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Deliberations are expected to begin in earnest Friday morning.

The former governor has been on trial at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse for about seven weeks. His first trial last summer ended with that jury deadlocked on all but one count. He was convicted of lying to the FBI on that one count. **TRIBUNE**



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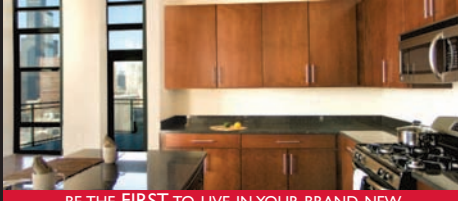
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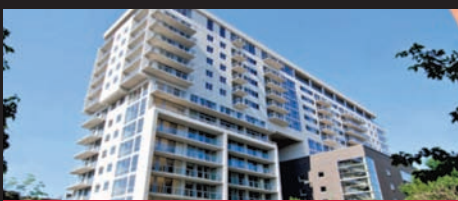
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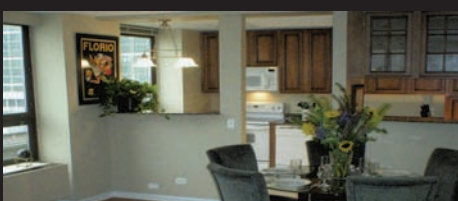
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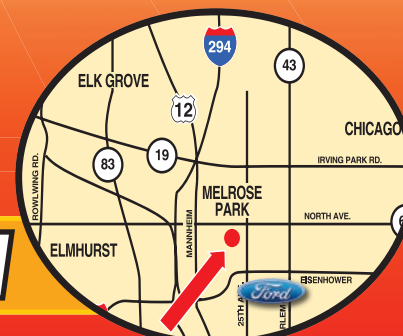
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Tennis courts in Humboldt Park lie underwater Thursday after heavy thunderstorms passed over the area. **CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE**

# Storm saturation

## Chicago Tribune

Floods on many Chicago-area streets were receding Thursday even as some creeks and small streams remained swollen with rains from the previous day's storms. The National Weather Service issued another flash flood watch for the area for Friday.

Commonwealth Edison reported about 33,000 customers without power as of Thursday afternoon, the majority in its southern service area, after 157,000 customers had their power restored since storms hit at 10 p.m. Wednesday.

The southwest suburbs were particularly hard hit. The storm dumped almost 5 inches of rain on Joliet as of 8:45 a.m. and more than 4 inches in Plainfield in Will

County and Oswego in Kendall County, according to the National Weather Service.

A flash flood watch was in effect through Friday morning for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Will, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and seven other counties, as well as Lake and Porter counties in Northwest Indiana.

Many small streams continued to rise rapidly including portions of Blackberry Creek, the DuPage River, the Little Calumet River and the Hart Ditch.

By midafternoon, most major roads were clear of flooding. Earlier, however, in Chicago, 103rd Street was blocked by flooding at Cottage Grove Avenue. Many roads in Will County were reported flood-

ed in the early afternoon. Metra and CTA did not report any delays due to flooding.

Some airlines in and out of O'Hare were being delayed up to two hours as of 3:30 p.m. Some had canceled more than 425 flights, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. There were delays of about an hour at Midway, where a small number of flights were canceled.

The upside to the storms was a break in the two-day heat wave.

With northeast winds to blow the length of Lake Michigan into Chicago, temperatures settled into the mid-50s along the shoreline and into the low and mid-60s inland—a drop of more than 40 degrees in a day.

## Creator of Cubs cemetery space dies of cancer

### Chicago Tribune

Dennis Mascari, the man who created the ultimate final resting place for die-hard Cubs fans, has died.

His remains will be placed in the replica of a Wrigley Field wall he had built at Bohemian National Cemetery on the Northwest Side. Mascari, 63, died Thursday at Rainbow Hospice Ark in Park Ridge after battling cancer, relatives and a business partner said.

Mascari was the creator of Beyond the Vines, a 24-foot, ivy-covered red-brick wall designed to look like the one in center field at Wrigley. The wall has niches for cremation urns. Old box seats, original sod and pavers from the ballpark add authenticity, although the Cubs themselves never have wanted anything to do with the place.

### WHO'S THERE?

The ashes of about 10 people are at Beyond the Vines now "and there's room for a lot more," said Beverly Bernacchi, Bohemian National Cemetery's office manager. A niche in the wall costs \$2,000.

### Sun-Times critic dismissed

Paige Wiser is out at the Chicago Sun-Times after 17 years, the past three as its TV critic, because her "Glee Live!" concert review in Sunday's newspaper mentioned one song that wasn't performed and described another she did not see.

### West Town tagging charges

A West Town man faces felony charges after police arrested him in connection with an early-morning tagging spree in his neighborhood this week.

### Teen killed in Ashburn

An 18-year-old man died Thursday morning after he and another man were shot on the street in Ashburn on Wednesday afternoon, authorities said. **TRIBUNE**



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The weather may be up and down, but bike season is in full swing. Here are just a few of the bike-friendly events going on in coming days. **JIM WALSH, REDEYE**

### World Naked Bike Ride Chicago

**When:** Check-in is after 6 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** "The O," Harpo's sign sculpture near 1025 W. Randolph St.

**Details:** The international "clothing optional" bike ride is meant to bring attention to people-powered transit and positive body images. Organizers say not to arrive naked and to bring clothing options.

### Bike Commuter Challenge

**When:** Saturday through June 17  
**Where:** Chicago

**Details:** The Active Transportation Alliance challenges businesses to get the most employees biking to work during the third week in June.

### Biking the Boulevards

**When:** 6 p.m. Monday

**Where:** Goose Island Brewpub, 1800 N. Clybourn Ave.

**Details:** WTTW-TV personality Geoffrey Baer hosts a screening of "Biking the Boulevards."

### Bike it Everywhere, Chicago

**When:** Noon Tuesday

**Where:** The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

**Details:** "Where to Bike Chicago" author Greg Borzo (right) will discuss the history of biking and share stories.

### Bike to Work rally

**When:** 7:30 a.m. June 17

**Where:** Daley Plaza

**Details:** Cyclists are invited to Daley Plaza for a free T-shirt, music and breakfast.



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## Flo Rida arrested

**1** Rapper **Flo Rida** was arrested Thursday on suspicion of drunken driving in Miami Beach. Police said officers spotted the South Florida artist driving his 2008 Bugatti erratically in the early-morning hours.

## Gingrich starts over

**2** At least five members of Newt Gingrich's senior campaign staff resigned Thursday, sources told CNN, but the Republican presidential candidate pledged he would start his campaign "anew."

## Peeping spyware charge

**3** A 20-year-old man was arrested Wednesday in Fullerton, Calif., accused of planting spyware on dozens of computers to secretly photograph women in a state of undress, police said.

## Movement on Libya?

**4** "Numerous discussions" have taken place with people close to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi on a possible transition of power, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday at an international coalition meeting charting the course of a democratic Libya.

## 21 bodies found

**5** Police in the central Mexican city of Morelia have found the bodies of 21 men next to notes identifying them as criminals and warning of more killings to come, authorities said Thursday.

## THE DIGIT

## No. 1

That's where the U.S. stands in a poll that ranks the world's funniest nations. Germans were voted the world's "least funny nationality" in the poll by social network and dating website **badoo.com**. The Spanish were the most amusing Europeans, ahead of the Italians and French.

# Airlines retreat from military bag charges

In the wake of an online video in which soldiers returning from Afghanistan complained that Delta Air Lines charged their unit more than \$2,800 in bag-check fees, rival carrier American Airlines on Thursday announced it will allow military personnel to check an extra two bags with no out-of-pocket expense.

"Full implementation of that policy should be completed in the next few days," American Airlines spokeswoman Dori Robau Alvarez said in a statement released Thursday.

The airline is the latest of the major U.S. carriers to change its policy. Delta and Continental/United announced Wednesday they were loosening their checked-bag policies for military personnel.

Previously, American Airlines allowed three bags to be checked free, "with full government reimbursement to military personnel on any bags above that number," but the carrier decided to increase

the free-bag limit to five, "given the potential confusion with different military units carrying different amounts of bags depending on their mission," according to the statement.

The Delta incident got instant notoriety after servicemen spoke out about their experience in a video posted on YouTube.

In the clip, which the men say was recorded on board a Delta flight from Baltimore to Atlanta on Tuesday, a day after they returned from Afghanistan, the soldiers explain they had "a little issue with the bags."

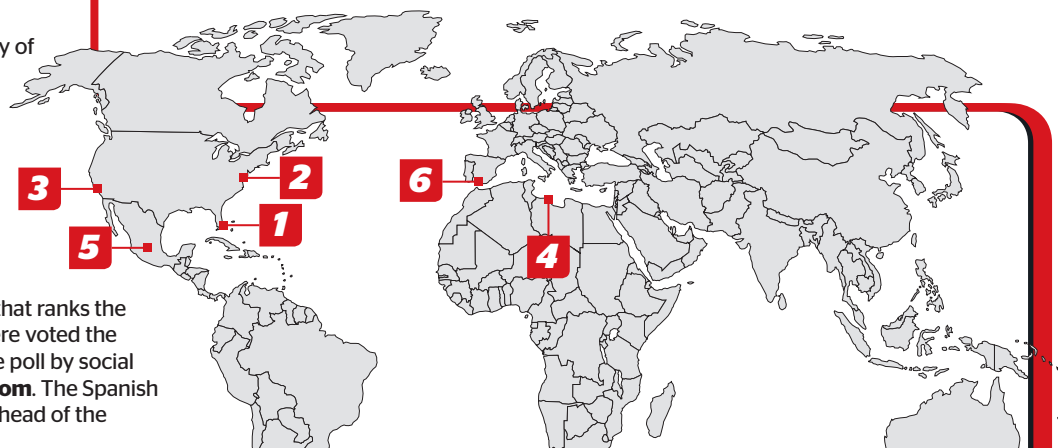
The men, who were bound for Fort Polk, La., said their travel orders allowed them to carry up to four bags, but when they arrived at the airport in Baltimore, Delta told them it allowed military personnel to check only three bags for free.

"Good business model, Delta," one soldier said sarcastically in the video. "Not happy. Not happy at all."



## Smurf village

**6** Clothes hang on a rope Thursday in Juzcar, Spain, where the homes have been painted blue after Sony chose it for the world premiere of new movie "The Smurfs." REUTERS





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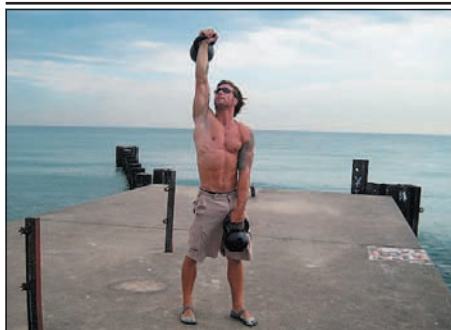
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# Cup reflections

## A year after the Hawks' title, what'll we remember about Vancouver-Boston?

### RedEye

Thursday should have been a holiday in Chicago. Stanleyversary, it was dubbed on Twitter.

A year ago on June 9, the Blackhawks hoisted Lord Stanley's Cup for the first time in 49 years with a win over the Philadelphia Flyers.

There are a lot of images locked in Chicagoans' minds from that magical run, from Patrick Kane's miraculous overtime game- (and Cup-) winner in Game 6 in Philly to the Michael Jordan statue outside the United Center wearing a Jonathan Toews jersey.

The Vancouver Canucks and Boston Bruins are battling to create their own memories this season, locked at 2 games apiece in this year's Stanley Cup finals. Many Blackhawks fans are probably watching through clenched teeth.

What will we remember about this series? Perhaps these moments.

### STANLEY CUP FINALS: GAME 5

Vancouver vs. Boston, 7 p.m. Friday, NBC. Series tied 2-2.



### 1 'I said PULL my finger'

In what became an ugly series quickly, Canuck Alexandre Burrows bit the finger of Bruin Patrice Bergeron at the end of the first period of Game 1 during a scrum behind Boston's net. Burrows denied it, but the offense was clearly caught by NBC's cameras. Burrows was not suspended.

## Time for a 'kneegate' lockout

### THAT'S WEAK

What lock-out? Jay Cutler kneegate is back. In case you wanted to know, former NFL quarterback Joe Theismann told the Tribune that Cutler was mistreated after his NFC title game injury. "I just felt like Jay was treated very, very wrongly by other guys in the game," he said. Thanks, Joe. This "controversy" needs to be locked out—for good.



### weak in review

A look at the week's lame and lamer sports news

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### THAT'S WEAKER

Carlos Zambrano called out the Cubs in general and Carlos Marmol indirectly in a postgame rant after Sunday's loss, saying they all should be embarrassed. This is true, for sure. The Cubs can't seem to get anything going their way, but Big Z should really air his complaints to his teammates directly like a man. Not to the slimy media. Hold on ...

### THAT'S WEAKEST

ESPN blowhard Stephen A. Smith started a firestorm of speculation Thursday when he said on "Mike and Mike in the Morning" he had heard about personal things going on in LeBron James' life that could explain his poor play in Game 4 of the NBA Finals. "It's not something that I would touch on because it's that personal, but I will tell you it's not just about the game of basketball. The man appeared very, very distracted," he said. The Internet picked it up from there, and you end up with an ugly rumor about LeBron's girlfriend Savannah Brinson and Rashard Lewis. The fact that Smith gets away with stuff like this is bad enough, but that ESPN supports it is even worse.

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### VOTE!

What was the weakest news of the week? Text "weak1" for kneegate, "weak2" for Cubs or "weak3" for LeBron rumors to 87708. You'll get the results instantly.



### 2 Buzzer-beater

Blackhawks irritant Raffi Torres is the hero of Game 1, scoring with 19 seconds left in the third period to give the Canucks a hard-fought 1-0 win. It was a brilliant display by both goalies. Proof that a 1-0 game can be exciting.

### 3 'Luocho'

Blackhawks fans are familiar with this scenario. Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo gives up a goal, then another one, then another ... Boston put eight goals in the net in Tuesday's Game 3. And voila, an awesome nickname is coined: "Luocho." Thanks, Twitter.

### 4 The Hit

With the Canucks up 2-0 in the series, they were going for a knockout blow in Boston in Game 3. Figuratively and literally, as it turns out. In the first period, Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome absolutely destroyed Bruins forward Nathan Horton, who was taken off the ice on a stretcher and sent to the hospital. The hit was ruled a blindside hit by the NHL, and Rome was suspended for the rest of the series.

### 5 Tim Thomas leveling Henrik Sedin

TD Garden erupted in joy when Boston goalie Tim Thomas checked an approaching Henrik Sedin to the ice in the crease in Game 3.



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<b>1</b> The White Sox's most consistent pitcher: Phillip Humber. Who knew?	Speaking on behalf of the Phillip the Great Society, this has been a prophesy fulfilled.	Consistent pitches and Humber go hand in hand.	If Nabokov is correct, dude better be checking ID at the postgame clubs.	I did. I have utmost faith in Texans' abilities to get 'er dun. Rice Owls baseball, whut whut!	Not me. Phil Humber sounds like that guy who does your taxes—you're glad you see him only once a year.
<b>2</b> Why wasn't Ozzie Guillen's son Ozney taken in the MLB draft?	And here I thought he was the son of the Wizard of Oz and Walt Disney.	Who doesn't want to see Ozzie all a-Twitter?	I don't want to say anything bad about him. He seems cool on Twitter.	The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, as the expression goes. Also, draft officials figured "Ozney" must be a typo.	Not athletic enough, Ozney. Take that. Hey, call the Cubs. They're looking for losers.
<b>3</b> Charles Barkley says the Miami Heat have the worst fans. Agree?	Charles will be eating crow soon. Not because he's wrong but because he's probably hungry right now.	No, Chicago does. We need stronger fans to battle the Heat wave.	Same city, different sport: Marlins fans are the worst. All 537 of them.	No, NASCAR circa 1997ish had the worst fans.	Worst in the sense they thought the game was invented in 1988 with the creation of the Heat.
<b>4</b> Commissioner David Stern says NBA players and owners are "very far apart" on a deal. Translate.	"Just because NBA players are overpaying to marry Kardashians doesn't mean we have to foot the bill."	Don't want to get all political about it but it seems like a wide stance.	"Start saving your money and stop buying ridiculous cars, players."	"It's about to get real." (*drops mic, pimp-walks away*)	These rich selfish pigs aren't even close to these rich selfish thugs. We have a problem.
<b>5</b> How do you plan to commemorate the Sky home opener?	I'm going to watch Amy and Tracy play a game of H-O-R-S-E. Or as they call it, W-O-R-S-E.	Please, no more openings of the Sky.	By having a kick-butt layup contest in the driveway.	I don't know, but the whimsical FB and Twitter icons on their website are fun.	I'll call 'em up, say I'm a celebrity and demand free tickets. They'll go for it. They're desperate.

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# Forward progress

## Patriots owner says sides getting closer to ending NFL lockout

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who has been a part of the closed-door meetings between the NFL and its locked-out players over the last two weeks, including a day of discussions at a hotel on Long Island on Wednesday, said Thursday that the sides are getting closer to ending the lockout ... especially with the lawyers out of the picture.

"I think we're getting close to having to put this thing to bed so we don't miss any events," Kraft said. "I know that's the intent on both sides. It would be misleading to say anything that would not make it crystal clear that there's still a lot of hard work to be done. But the good news is we're talking, and I think we went 34 days without having communications. The lawyers on each side were doing stuff. That, to me, isn't progress."

Kraft, who spoke to reporters in Foxborough, Mass., noted that there is still plenty of work to be done. But overall he was very positive about the meetings.

"I think we've been fortunate that we've had two rounds of talks," he said, as reported by the Boston Herald. "Any time principals are talking in any deal that's complicated or has potential problems, that's a big plus. I'm happy that we're talking principal to principal."

The talks may be even more principal than expected. The New York Post reported Thursday that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA director DeMaurice Smith dined together in Manhattan on Wednesday night.

"The fact we're continuing to talk is a very positive sign," Kraft said. "We're making progress. But there's a lot of work to be done."



**New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft**  
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### Pryor turns down CFL

Former Ohio State quarterback **Terrelle Pryor** (left) has declined an offer to play in the Canadian Football League, two days

after announcing he would not return to the Buckeyes next season.

Pryor said Tuesday he is giving up his senior season while the NCAA investigates

Ohio State players getting improper benefits while attending the school. The three-year starter at quarterback admittedly broke NCAA rules by accepting improper benefits from a Columbus tattoo-parlor owner.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders extended him a tentative offer Wednesday. "They sent the package last night, I forwarded it to Terrelle, and Terrelle said that he wasn't interested today," Pryor's attorney, Larry James, said Thursday.

Pryor is expected to apply for entry in the NFL supplemental draft this summer.



## BEWARE OF DOG

*Whizzer takes a bite out of sports*

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Sad news. A man who had a replica of Wrigley Field's wall built at Bohemian National Cemetery on the Northwest Side has died. His remains will be placed in the wall, which is named "Beyond the Vines." He was preceded in death by the Cubs themselves.

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**TODAY'S DOGFIGHT**  
Which finals series is more likely to go seven games: the NBA Finals or Stanley Cup finals? Text "**dog1**" for NBA or "**dog2**" for Stanley Cup to **87708**. You'll get the results

### CHALK TALK

Never fear, basketball fans, LeBron James is bringing his pregame, throw-the-chalk-in-the-air ritual back next season. He's retired it for this year's playoffs to focus on the NBA Finals. And he's so focused, he's already talking about what he's planning for next season. Way to go, King Nothing.

### NEW DETROIT BAD BOY?

Ex-Indiana Hoosiers coach Kelvin Sampson is apparently interested in coaching the Detroit Pistons. If you're a Bulls fan, you're happy. If the man who brought more shame to IU than even Bob Knight coaches a Bulls division rival, that's nothing but a win.



### CLOWNING AROUND

**Ozzie Guillen** (top, left) called **Sean Penn** (bottom, left) a "clown" on Twitter because of the actor's sympathetic views toward Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. And Ozzie knows his clowns.



### MONEY TALKS

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft told Newsday the players and owners

are closer to a deal to end the NFL lockout "so we don't miss any events." Why sure, now that there's a real danger of missing games and losing money, everyone wants to deal.

### TREATED

That said, NFL, I'll share my money with you anytime. You are top sports dog.

### GAME PLANNER

**Cubs at Philadelphia**, 6:05 p.m. CSN

**White Sox vs. Oakland**, 7:10 p.m. CSN+

**Sky vs. Connecticut**, 7:30 p.m. Allstate Arena

» A sellout crowd awaits Sunday's 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup doubleheader at Soldier Field, pitting Mexico vs. Costa Rica and El Salvador vs. Cuba. Officials urge fans to arrive early to avoid traffic. (El Salvador-Cuba begins at 5 p.m., followed by Mexico-Costa Rica at 7.)

» Ticket prices for golf's U.S. Open have dropped 20 percent on the resale market since Tiger Woods withdrew from the event two days ago. Four-day tickets to the tournament on Stubhub dropped Thursday to \$402 from almost \$500 on Tuesday.

» Cubs at Philadelphia, late » White Sox 9, Oakland 4 » Fire at K.C., late » Dallas 112, Miami 103. Mavs lead series 3-2.



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**FESTS**

Want a piece of 50,000 pounds of ribs? Head to North Center. **page 26**



**MOVIES**

Ewan McGregor falls for his canine co-star from "Beginners." **page 29**

# FRIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

**What's on the train? J.J. Abrams takes us all the way back to 1979 to find out**

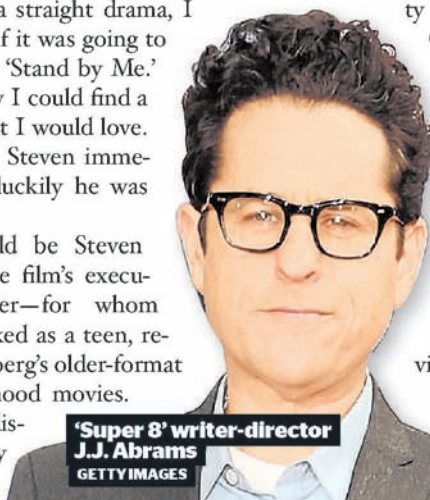
**Newsday**

Instead of smartphones in your pocket, there were telephones with cords; instead of fuel-efficient hybrids, Buick Skylarks as big as buses. And instead of shooting comedy bits and homemade music videos for upload to YouTube, kids shot backyard epics using hand-painted models, firecracker pyrotechnics and Super 8 home-movie film cameras.

That's the world of 1979 that writer-director J.J. Abrams re-creates in "Super 8." But because it's Abrams, who co-created TV's "Lost" and "Fringe" and rebooted the "Star Trek" franchise, moviegoers will see a nostalgic coming-of-age story about young, amateur filmmakers who witness a devastating train wreck that leads to out-of-this-world events.

"The first idea for this film, the very, very first notion, was to do a movie called 'Super 8' about kids making movies in the late '70s," Abrams said. "I didn't know if it was going to be a straight drama, I didn't know if it was going to be more like 'Stand by Me.' ... I just knew I could find a character that I would love. And I called Steven immediately, and luckily he was interested."

That would be Steven Spielberg, the film's executive producer—for whom Abrams worked as a teen, repairing Spielberg's older-format 8 mm childhood movies. After much discussion, they settled on



**'Super 8' writer-director J.J. Abrams**  
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a sci-fi framework, although Abrams insists: "I never went into this saying I want to make a movie that's a love letter to Spielberg."

Instead, he says, "It was always in the spirit of not just movies I loved as a kid, but about being a kid at a time when those movies had so much impact on you."

"Super 8" begins in February 1979, when the mother of Ohio middle-schooler Joe Lamb (Joel Courtney) dies. Four months later, Joe has recovered enough to immerse himself in the Super 8 zombie movie created by his Cartman-esque best friend Charles Kaznyk (Riley Griffiths) and starring Alice Dainard (Elle Fanning), who captures Joe's heart.

And whatever escaped from that Air Force transport that derailed also may capture his heart—and eat it.

The child actors, however, suffered no anxieties from Abrams.

"There were six of us kids, and he was pretty much the seventh," screen newcomer Courtney, 15, cheerily recalled of the director's 65-day shoot. Was Abrams anything like the movie's kid-director, Charles? "Like Charles, but not nearly as bossy."

The movie's science-fiction elements intertwine with the tense relationship between Joe and his stern father, Sheriff's Deputy Jack Lamb (Kyle Chandler of "Friday Night Lights"). Chandler responded viscerally to a scene that echoed one from his own childhood: Lamb, up to his ears in evasive Air Force officials and a panicked town with missing



**Zack Mills (left) and Kyle Chandler in 'Super 8'**  
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people and electrical outages, orders Joe to stay home. And Joe, for the first time in his life, stands up to his father and says, "No."

"I was 14 in 1979," Chandler recalled. "My father died Jan. 9, 1980. There was a moment when ... I had said 'no' to my father. And I thank God I had that moment because in that moment [in the film], there were a few things that came from my father" that are strikingly visible in Deputy Lamb's face. "First, anger. Second, confusion. But the third one was—and I'm glad to this day about it, and I'm 45—there was a little bit of respect there also. The moment a father sees his son turn into a man."

Abrams, who was 13 in 1979, didn't consciously pattern "Super 8" as a latter-day Spielberg science-fiction film. Still, what with

his movie's single-parent, close-knit group of small-town kids and an alien, there's as much "E.T.: the Extra-Terrestrial" as there is "Alien" and "The Thing."

But it also was highly personal. "I would take time in between setups just walking around in a daze looking at all these details" from that analog era, he said. "It felt so much like being in a waking dream of my childhood."

Spielberg said that despite Abrams' vast success in film and TV, "Super 8" is "JJ's first real film."

"A film that came out of his heart, that he wrote and directed, and it isn't part of a franchise that was once someone else's television series and brainchild," Spielberg said. "This is pure JJ." **LOS ANGELES TIMES CONTRIBUTED**





## DINING

We get a taste of doughnut spot Dirty Betty's and 2 other new spots. **page 36**



Ryan Lee (from left), Joel Courtney, Elle Fanning and Riley Griffiths in 'Super 8' **PARAMOUNT PICTURES**

## This is why we love movies

In summer 1979, 14-year-old Joe (Joel Courtney) and his friends witness a violent train crash that, hint-hint, may have sci-fi connections. Joe's deputy-sheriff father (Kyle Chandler of "Friday Night Lights") has little time for his son when he must protect the 12,000 townspeople of Lillian, Ohio.

**The buzz:** What? A non-3-D summer blockbuster that's neither a sequel nor a superhero movie? If you're looking for a predecessor to the perfectly cast "Super 8," know that writer-director J.J. Abrams spends virtually the entire movie saluting the film's executive producer Steven Spielberg through nods to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "E.T.," "Jaws,"

"Jurassic Park" and more.

**The verdict:** Think Abrams should do his own thing? Stop ignoring your inner teenage movie fan. "Super 8" spectacularly bottles the Spielbergian magic—actually, that feels like an understatement; the movie is a full-pound Spielberg. It also delivers an adventure so emotionally rewarding that it's a gift where both the gift itself and the thought behind it really count. Delighting in memories of coming-of-age stories such as "Stand By Me," "Super 8" captures the adolescent thrill of secret midnight meetings and natural moments, such as being transfixed by a girl (Elle Fanning) for the first time. If the film's idealism in the face of the world's worst moments is pure Spielberg, the explosive action is all Abrams. He flexes his muscles and proves that he's a director standing on his own legs, not his idol's. "Super 8" is about kids who love movies directed by a guy who loves movies, and its pure, silly, grin-inducing awesomeness can only help you remember why you love 'em too. **MATT PAIS IS REDEYE'S MOVIE CRITIC.**

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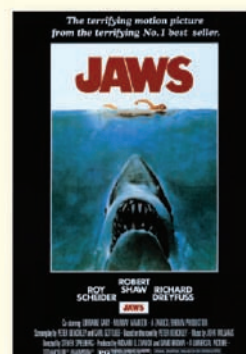
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**'Super 8'**  
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## 'SUPER' INSPIRATION

Writer-director J.J. Abrams says these are some of the films he grew up watching that helped influence his latest creation, "Super 8." **LOS ANGELES TIMES**



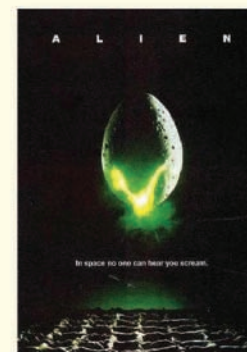
### 'Jaws' (1975)

"It's a movie that is just fantastic, and again the story of the family and the characters is not just about the chase scenes or the moments of peril. And the lessons are there as well."



### 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' (1977)

"The brilliance wasn't just the way it was directed but the story approach itself; it was so unconventional and massive in scale and jumping from character to character, country to country and point of view to point of view. And it all works."



### 'Alien' (1979)

"The movie was treated as a straight drama. It just happened to be in space with a terrifying monster on board. The production design and certainly the visual effects execution was completely engrossing. It felt unmistakably real."



### 'Scanners' (1981)

"The David Cronenberg movie 'Scanners' was a massive influence on me. I became obsessed with it. It's a very disturbing film. Dick Smith did the makeup and I was a fan of his. ... We actually mention him in 'Super 8' just because he has been such a huge influence on me."



### 'The Thing' (1982)

"I love that movie. Like 'Alien,' there's a group of people isolated with this thing in their midst. One of the notable things is Rob Bottin's unbelievable makeup effects that did things visually that just blew my mind and was so integrated with the intense drama of that paranoia of isolation and fear."



### 'E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial' (1982)

"The influence of that movie on most people from my generation is enormous, really, and it's hard to separate my life from that movie and imagine what it would be like without it, it's so fundamentally important. It's such a sweet story, it's beautiful. I love it."





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## 'Beautiful' acting

"There's more." That's what a cop tells Kate (Maria Bello) and Bill (Michael Sheen) after informing them that their son, Sammy (Kyle Gallner), was killed during a college campus shooting spree in which nearly 20 people died. In fact, Sammy was the shooter, which leaves his parents unsure of how to pass the seconds, but very sure their planned separation can go on the back burner.

**The buzz:** Kate's brother and nephew are named Eric and Dylan, a nod to Columbine High School massacre perpetrators Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold reminding "Beautiful Boy" viewers that unthinkable events like this really happen. An unusual onscreen trend is developing in 2011: At this year's Cannes Film Festival, Tilda Swinton received raves for playing a mom coping with her son's horrible crimes in "We Need to Talk About Kevin."

**The verdict:** This gripping drama has one card to play—tragedies committed by children can result in nagging questions without answers, with no end in sight for those mourning—and it plays it well. Sheen and Bello are fantastic as usual; their faces search for clues about how to move forward, while eventually the spouses furiously blame each other as a way of deflecting their own guilt. "Beautiful Boy" only scratches the surface of the notion that teen depression is easy to chalk up as par for the course—which, of course, isn't an easy subject to unravel when the line between unhappy and dangerous may be thin for some.



Maria Bello (left) and  
Michael Sheen in 'Beautiful Boy'  
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## Dive! Dive! Dive! Into smart flick

Oliver Tate (Craig Roberts) is like a lot of 15-year-olds: He tries to be smarter than he is while

**'Submarine'**  
(R)



acknowledging he knows little, and he tries to do the right thing while admitting he can't let principles stand in the way of progress. His current issues: trying to

win and keep the heart (and sexual advances) of Jordana (Yasmin Paige), and preventing his mom (Sally Hawkins) from drifting away from her husband (Noah Taylor).

**The verdict:** Any addition to the very tall pile of coming-of-age stories is worthy when it boasts darkly witty writing. The little lines and details are everything in "Submarine." Priceless highlights: Mom asking Oliver if his black eye was self-inflicted; dad memorizing the hotline to report potholes; and Oliver's affinity for routine searches of his parents' bedroom. None of these crosses the too-quirky line. The movie's a giddy ode to cinema and the dizzying naivete of adolescence, when who you are might not be as important as developing a persona. Hindsight couldn't exist without those kinds of mistakes.

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Glogg slushies, gay cowboys and other Midsommar musts

By Samantha Nelson

Andersonville Midsommarfest is a chance for the neighborhood to embrace its Swedish roots while celebrating the summer solstice. Joining the party? Keep this checklist of activities in your back pocket.



### ANDERSONVILLE MIDSOMMARFEST

**Where:** Foster Avenue and Clark Street  
**When:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday **Cost:** \$5

**SEE** The fest offers five stages of live music—mostly the usual-suspect cover bands, including Sixteen Candles, Wedding Banned and Hairbangers Ball. But keep your eyes peeled for entertainment such as The Windy City Cowboys, a gay cowboy group performing country-western dancing, and the '70s funk group Chicago Afrobeat Project. For better or worse, you're also likely to see lots of fellas celebrating the warm weather by going shirtless.

### DRINK

Stop in at the Simon's Tavern booth to grab a glogg slushie. The beloved drink is made using the bar's secret recipe for mulled wine.

**EAT** Food vendors offer plenty of variety, including Mexican, Thai and Polish eats, in addition to the traditional Swedish dishes. Of course, you can always stop in at nearby Ann Sather's (5207 N. Clark St. 773-271-6677) for some Swedish pancakes with lingonberries.



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Sixteen Candles

**DO** Kick off the festival Saturday (11:45 a.m.) by joining a traditional dance around the flower-covered maypole, led by performers in traditional Swedish garb. If you want to learn some modern moves, hit the free go-go dancing classes (2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday). SAMANTHA NELSON IS A METROMIX SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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Food fight! Well, turning your plate of ribs into a projectile isn't exactly recommended, but at this year's Ribfest in North Center, the following mainstays of the fest are more than recommended—they're required. —SAMANTHA NELSON

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A true haven for barbecue lovers, Ribfest visitors can try baby back ribs and other signature items from 16 vendors including Celtic Crown, Pitchfork Food & Saloon, The Piggery and Corner 41 Bar & Grill. Each spot sells a three-rib sampler for \$6, giving attendees the chance to try everything and cast their votes for the People's Choice Award. If you find a favorite, half slabs are \$11, and full slabs are \$19. This year's lineup will also include beef ribs for the first time, served by The Smoke Daddy.

### THE COMPETITION

RibMania returns for a second year as 10 professional competitive eaters stuff their faces to win the Midwest's only rib-eating contest. Returning to reclaim victory, South Sider Pat "Deep Dish" Bertolotti won last year's contest by eating 4.26 pounds of ribs in 8 minutes and is ranked as the second-best competitive eater in the world, according to Major League Eaters. Mrs. Murphy's Irish Bistro, which received the best ribs award at last year's Ribfest, is preparing three to four cases of baby back ribs for RibMania—aka 90 to 120 pounds of pig.



### THE MUSIC

Don't expect to catch the same cover bands you've drunkenly danced to for the past few summers here. On Friday, don't miss Philadelphia piano-pop trio Jukebox the Ghost at the south stage (9 p.m.). For the rest of the weekend, catch these best bets: Like Pioneers (5:15 p.m. Saturday), Ezra Furman and The Harpoons (7:45 p.m. Saturday) and Tapes 'n Tapes (9 p.m. Sunday).

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### Xavier Nuez

**'Hood:** Pilsen **Price range:** \$35-\$1,800  
**Specialty:** Photography—images of urban alleys decorated with colored lights and gels

“These are pretty rough, dangerous and generally considered ugly places,” Nuez said. “I try to layer this sort of idealized fairy-tale version on top to make these places appealing to the masses. It's a way for me to dignify these places that are rejected.”



When you're finished browsing art goodies, head over to Party at St. Mike's for ...  
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### Monica Balc

**'Hood:** Beverly  
**Specialty:** Sculptures—human figures made from fired clay  
**Price range:** \$250-\$1,000

“I do not make molds, which a lot of artists working in ceramics might do,” Balc said. “[My works] are all from scratch, hand-built and one of a kind.”



### Christine Simpson-Forni

**'Hood:** Bridgeport (Zhou B. Art Center)  
**Specialty:** Jewelry—copper, sterling silver and gold pieces resembling coral  
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“I'm trying to bring awareness about the coral reefs and overharvesting within the jewelry industry,” Simpson-Forni said.



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- 6:00 PM Afrodisiacs/Spazmatics
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**SATURDAY**

- 12:00 PM Trowbridge Guitar Studio
- 1:00 PM Lucy Smith
- 3:00 PM The Right Now
- 5:00 PM Chicago Afrobeat Project
- 7:00 PM 16 Candles

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**SUNDAY**

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- 11:45 AM Traditional Maypole Dance
- 12:15 PM SWEA Choir
- 12:40 PM Swedish Male Chorus
- 1:05 PM Nordic Folkdancers
- 1:25 PM Chicago Spelmanslag

**SUNDAY**

- 12:00 PM Nordland Band

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- 2:30 PM The Revelettes
- 3:00 PM Laura Doherty Band
- 4:00 PM Radio Disney
- 5:00 PM Southport Performing  
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- 6:30 PM Planet Claire
- 8:00 PM AfterGlow

**SUNDAY**

- 12:00 PM Andersonville Suzuki
- 1:00 PM Charlie & The Chocolate Factory
- 2:00 PM Dream Big Performing Arts
- 2:30 PM The Revelettes
- 3:00 PM Scribble Monster
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- 8:00 PM Robbie Fulks w/Nora O'Connor



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# Ewan McGregor on love, death and dogs

## The Seattle Times

It's a rare experience for an actor to have the person he's portraying be present on a movie set. Ewan McGregor, in "Beginners," had an even more unusual experience: The man he was portraying was also the film's director and writer.

In the film opening Friday, McGregor plays Oliver, who suddenly learns that his 75-year-old widower father, Hal (Christopher Plummer), is gay. It is based on Mike Mills' own history with his father.

"Mike didn't want me to impersonate him," McGregor said. "But I wanted to feel like him—it is his story, and the words that I say are words that he chose to write. The scenes are the scenes he decided to take from his real experience and put it into his movie."

McGregor talked more about the film, living in L.A. and why he got a dog,

## How would you describe this film?

It's two stories, intertwined, the son coming to terms with his father's sexuality and death (above), and the love story between him and his new girlfriend (right).

## "Beginners" is an honest look at love. Was that the appeal for you?

Yes. I think so. I've always enjoyed exploring romance because I think it's one of the biggest emotional and physical experiences that we go through as human beings. The other one is dealing with grief and death. And this script looks at both of those things.

## Was it weird playing a sort of version of Mike Mills while he directed you?

I did work on my accent, and I watched how he moves physically. We're very different, but I like to think there is a lot of me in the character, too. And I think it deals with universal themes, of love and death.

## How was it working with Christopher Plummer? Any surprises?



I'd never met him before, and to be honest, I was expecting him to be far more old-school. He tells these great stories about Liz Taylor and Joan Collins, and he's been around all these amazing people for so long. But when he acts he's so contemporary, and he's just blistering in this. But on set he's just so funny and relaxed.

**You also seem to have a love affair on screen with Cosmo the dog, who steals the show as Hal's Jack Russell terrier.**

## He does steal the show!

He does steal the show! In my naivete, I always thought when they say "Never work with animals or kids" it was because they're so difficult. But the truth is it's a vanity thing because they always upstage you! And I loved Cosmo so much that the moment we wrapped, I went and got our own rescue dog, a poodle. He's a little Cosmo replacement and my new best friend. I take him on all the shoots I can now.

REUTERS, THE FRESNO BEE CONTRIBUTED

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**Beginners**  
(R)



"Beginners" jumps back and forth between the present and past. If it were linear, however, the movie would be: Oliver (Ewan McGregor) grows up, his mom dies, his dad (Christopher Plummer) comes out and dies of cancer four years later, after which Oliver starts a relationship with Anna (Melanie Laurent). Got it?

**The buzz:** That plot summary's not a spoiler, just a jumping-off point for writer-director Mike Mills to ruminate on concepts and items that have existed forever, including love, animals, beauty and homosexuality.

**The verdict:** What a delicately and charmingly off-center movie. "Beginners" stays at a distance for some of what happens between Oliver and Anna, in terms of both their connection and their friction. Yet Mills addresses big ideas without coming off as precious or pretentious. How can we focus solely on ourselves, Mills wonders, when there is so much historical context preceding us? In other words, no one knows what they're doing, but someone's always done it before. **MATT PAIS IS REDEYE'S MOVIE CRITIC**



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6:45pm Here We Go Magic  
5:00pm JC Brooks & the Uptown Sound  
3:30pm In Tall Buildings  
2:00pm Statutes of Liberty  
12:30pm Bandoleros

### SUNDAY

8:00pm The Reverend Horton Heat  
6:30pm Peeland Z  
5:00pm The Ruiners  
3:30pm Mr. Russia  
1:30pm Machinegun Mojo  
Noon Good Evening

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### FRIDAY

9:00pm Anamanaguchi  
7:30pm Matthew Santos Band  
6:00pm Otter Petter  
5:00pm EE the Magic Circus Band

### SATURDAY

8:30pm Occidental Brothers Dance Band Internat'l  
7:00pm Young Jesus  
5:30pm Hemmingbirds  
4:00pm Chris Gelbuda  
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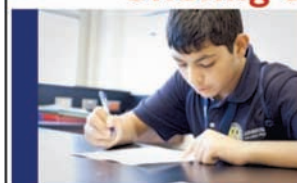
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# 'Moody' not a total bummer

Jordana Beatty, the Australian sparkplug playing the flame-haired heroine of "Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer," is worth the considerable effort it takes to get through this quasi-comedy, which fell victim to success before it even hit the screen.

## Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG)



Heather Graham in 'Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer'

Pre-ordained by the books' popularity, the movie lacks sufficient story to prop itself up. Doubly disappointing, "Judy" seems to have been modeled on the most vacuous of Disney Channel fodder.

Still, there's the occasional glimpse of intelligence, including from director John Schultz, who has given the film a look that puts the weirdest spin possible on all his oddball characters. They include Judy, her brother Stink (Parris Mosteller), her best pal Frank-Who-Eats-Paste (Preston Bailey) and—most

notably—Aunt Opal (Heather Graham), Judy's "guerrilla-artist" hippie relation, who is assigned to make Judy's summer livable, possibly memorable, and to appease the few heterosexual adult males who are somehow coerced into buying tickets.

Despite the characters' various charms, the movie essentially amounts to a daisy chain of hyperactive episodes that have nothing to do with the narrative, such as it is (a hunt for Bigfoot occupies more screen time than it needs to). **JOHN ANDERSON, NEWSDAY**

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### X-MEN: FIRST CLASS

**@badbadleroyb:**

X-Men First Class is a must see. You see the formation of the X-Men and the Brotherhood of Mutants.

**@shannycat81:** I loved everything about #xmenfirstclass. They couldn't have done a better job retooling this franchise. Go see this film!

**@miguelpedroza:** saw "X-Men: First Class" last night, and it's an awesome movie! As long as you don't know a damn thing about the X-Men.

**@DisneyDork69:**

X-men:1st Class was amazing...great origin storylines...great

casting...great action...

Kevin Bacon's villain is beyond crazy!

**@silkysoul:** X-Men:

First Class pays homage to Marvel Comics history while telling an engaging story of extraordinary "old friends."

### HANGOVER II

**@Kluchorama:**

Hangover II. Deja vu!

(Hey, that rhymes)

**@estherackha:**

#Hangover2 - so disappointing. Repeating

the 1st story line - so boring! But, the ending and the 'figure-out' was good! :/

**@HarkiQuinn:**

Hangover Part II: Bradley Cooper's fine [bleep] was the only redeeming point.

### BRIDESMAIDS

**@jenniferstraub:**

Bridesmaids: HILARIOUS. Like the chick version of The Hangover, except more realistic. Sadly, most women can relate to this.

**@alpalthegalpal:**

Bridesmaids: Go ahead—it's funny enough that a group of dudes can see it and still keep their man-card intact.

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- **AMC Independent YellowBrickRoad** (R) 12:00 A.M.
- **AMC Independent Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:30, 3:50, 6:20, 8:40, 11:15
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- **Thor 3D** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:35, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
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- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **The Hangover Part II** (R) 1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10
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- **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:35, 4:35, 7:45, 11:00
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- **Jumping the Broom** (PG-13) 11:00, 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- **Midnight in Paris** (PG-13) ★ 11:20, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
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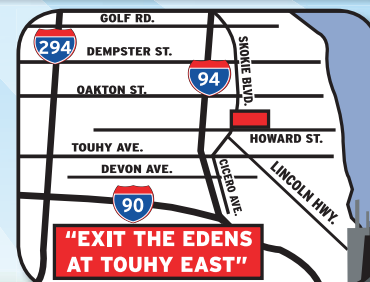
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# Boi's town

## Big Boi gets real about Windy City with RedEye

By Kyra Kyles

REDEYE

Chicago witnessed a new version of Boi's Town on Wednesday. Big Boi of rap group OutKast came through the Windy City for a private Crown Royal Black event, bringing a camouflage hat, thick gold chain and a hearty guffaw he claimed was inspired by the Vikings.

"Anybody got something cold to drink?" he cawed across the James Hotel suite where he was due to meet the press.

Sir Lucious Left Foot, as he is also called, said he made the quick trip to show off the specialty bags he designed for Crown Royal bottles before flying back to his lab (aka Stankonia) in Atlanta, where he is working on his next album.

Before he could vanish into the stratosphere, RedEye talked to him to get more details on the album, learn which emerging artists have caught his ear and what advice he could offer aspiring MCs.

**You did a mini-documentary for Crown Royal Black that showed some of your life; would you ever do a full-on reality show?**

Naw, probably not. They caught some great moments. They got me at the Grammys performing, partying and celebrating. But I probably wouldn't have nobody following me around like that full time. I'm just too busy. Maybe I'd do it, if it were done right.

**We've established you're busy. What else are you working on?**

[Funk/rock band and Big Boi collaborators] Vonnegut's album; also working on my new record. I'm working on something with Modest Mouse and Jimmy Cliff. Still finishing up the 11-month tour for "Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty," and then heading to Glastonbury and Bonnaroo [festivals].



**You have to spill more about your new album.**

Naw. Can't do that.

**Come on, just a tiny hint?**

It's gonna be funky. And it's called "Daddy Fat Saxxx: Soul Funk Crusader."

**Who is inspiring you? I know you helped discover Janelle Monae and she's doing big things.**

Right now, my boy Pill out of the ATL. Big K.R.I.T. They're lyricists, and I'm a big fan of lyricism.

**What got you working with Gucci Mane? I was a little surprised when you worked with him on "Shine Blockas."**

You was surprised? Well, let me tell you. My main reason for it was I am a fan of his music. One of my favorite artists is Too Short. I like 2 Live Crew. Plus, he's an Aquarius like me, and we work together.

**You're so known for lyricism, so it was an interesting match.**

Everybody can't do everything. I like to bring people together. Bring different worlds together.

**Speaking of lyricism, how do you think Southern rappers are faring there? For a while there was a perception that Southern rap wasn't as lyrical. Is that changing because of rappers like you, Andre Benjamin and Jay Electronica?**

The South is a melting pot, you know? We've got lyricists, and there's no doubt on that. We got 3000, Cee-Lo Green, Jay Electronica, like you said. There's Ludacris. I think people are starting to see that. Yeah, we got bounce and our music is based on that, but it's just like [Washington] D.C., where they got that go-go. It's no different. It sounds good.

**Right, like Chicago's got house music ... [Shaking head "no."] I can't sit in the club listening to that all night.**

**What? I know you aren't making fun of house music.**

Naw, not at all. It's just that [waving hands,

bobbing head] "doosh, doosh, doosh" music like they play in Vegas.

**Chicago house music is not like that. I have to play you some Chicago house.**

All right, all right. [Laughing.] I'm sorry.

**You should be. Seriously, while you're here, will you be scouting for new people for your label?**

I usually don't get a chance. I'm in and out. To be honest, most people I meet get brought to me in the ATL. But I have heard some good people out of Chicago. Nobody I could name like that.

**Can you offer any advice to Chicago artists?**

Don't try to sound like anyone else. Be yourself and focus on your lyrics and approach. There are crews out here where everybody sound alike. All their music sound alike and nobody stands out. Don't do that. Be memorable.

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«TV  
**'The Glee Project'**  
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The "Glee" phenomenon spills over into reality TV with this show in which 12 finalists, culled from 40,000 applicants—as we're reminded several times—compete for a seven-episode guest spot on the Fox series. Most of the kids are annoying and play to the cameras, as do the professionals preparing them for their auditions. As for those auditions, viewers hear only the studio versions of the performances, which makes this seem as real as the fantasy that is "Glee." But hey, Gleeeks are going to love it, and Darren Criss, who plays Blaine on the show, coaches in the first

episode. The two-hour debut night begins with a casting special—in which the finalists are notified—that leads into the first episode. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**



«VIDEO GAME  
**'InFamous 2'**  
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The story is sort of ho-hum, and the main character borders on unlikable, but "InFamous 2" succeeds anyway; the game play is as electrifying as the lightning that bursts from the hands of the game's main character. As Cole MacGrath, you use your superhuman abilities to slide across power lines, toss energy grenades and battle bad guys in a fictional city meant to emulate post-apocalyptic New Orleans. Ultimately, "InFamous 2" is a superhero game where your character does indeed feel fantastically super. **RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE**



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# dining



**Fried pork belly appetizer at Union Sushi**  
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

## Just a taste

### Bite-size reviews of three new restaurants

By Lisa Arnett

Wondering if River North can support another sushi spot or if trendy doughnuts can live up to their hype? Read on for our quick takes on three recently opened spots.

#### Dirty Betty's

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**The scene:** Hot on the heels of Doughnut Vault drawing lines for its \$3 doughnuts, Cookie Bar in Lincoln Park has opened during the morning hours as doughnut-pushing alter ego Dirty Betty's. On a recent morning, I was the only one in line to buy a half-dozen of the baked-not-fried treats (\$2-\$2.25 each).  
**Loved it:** Garnishes, such as fresh pomegranate seeds, espresso beans and mini peanut butter cups add to the handmade feel.  
**Favorites:** Surprisingly, the fruit flavors won out over the more dessert-y options. The

pomegranate was fresh and light, the ginger doughnut wasn't especially gingery but had a zingy Key lime glaze, and the lemon-glazed blueberry doughnut was plump with fresh blueberries.

**Disappointments:** The peanut butter cup flavor is a sugar bomb and more chocolaty than peanut buttery. We tried really hard to taste any trace of hazelnut in the Nutella-glazed doughnut, but the glaze seemed all dark chocolate to us.

**Bottom line:** The moist, baked doughnuts taste more like cake or muffin modeled into a circular shape. They're tasty in their own right but might not satisfy a true doughnut craving.



#### MORE DOUGHNUT NEWS!

Restaurateur Scott Harris is planning two doughnut pickup windows called **Hole Lotta Love**, to open later this year attached to Panza (a revamp of Francesca's Forno) and Ethyl's Beer and Wine Bar in the West Loop.

#### Union Sushi & Barbeque Bar

230 W. Erie St. 312-662-4888



**The story:** Ever read food blog "Mike & Chao Chow"? This River North sushi and kushiyaki bar is the brainchild of friends and co-bloggers Mike Schatzman and Worachai "Chao" Thapthimkuna, a former Sushi Wabi chef.

**The scene:** A towering wire sculpture and crayon-bright murals provide lots to look at while the soundtrack alternates between head-nodding oldies and clubby beats. For the most action, sit at the bar to watch the sushi chefs, or grab a seat in front of the robata grill, where you can watch skewers of meat, seafood and veggies (that's the aforementioned kushiyaki) get their grill on.

**The food:** I wish I had room to try every starter on the menu, but so far I can vouch only for the

addictive fried pork belly (\$7). In the kushiyaki department, beef tongue with Japanese curry sauce was seriously tender, but chicken thigh and prosciutto-wrapped scallops weren't anything special. Maki gets funky with rolls such as the Old City Market (\$7) with lip-tingling spicy tuna wrapped with collard greens and garnished with fried okra. The yuzu pie (\$6, described as "killer" on the menu) was a one-note wonder, the coconut crust too bland to counter the puckeringly tart citrus custard.

**The drinks:** There's plenty of sake to choose from, but we couldn't pass up craft cocktails designed by the guys behind Bittercube, a Milwaukee maker of small-batch bitters. The lemongrass-swizzled Yamato Sling and The 16 Century, a shochu-champagne cocktail, are both \$10 and dangerously guzzle-able.

**Bottom line:** Fun and funky, Union's worth the walk to the far side of River North. I can definitely see myself going back for after-work snacks, a laid-back date or a group dinner.

#### THE TICKER

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» Former Blackbird pastry chef Patrick Fahy is headed to **The Sofitel Hotel** (20 E. Chestnut St.), home to modern brasserie **Cafe des Architectes**, the Tribune reported.

» Sausage shop **Heat** (1570½ N. Damen Ave.) takes Underdogg's space below Flash Taco in Wicker Park.

» **Perennial Virant** (1800 N. Lincoln Ave.)—the restaurant formerly known as just Perennial—adds brunch Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.





## Cantina No. 46

46 E. Superior St. 312-664-0100

**Off to a good start** **The scene:** The Mexican cantina in the former Salute Wine Bar space is, in a word, cacophonous. The small room, low ceilings and tequila-fueled crowd makes for bar-caliber loudness in a restaurant setting.

**The food:** Smoked chicken chilaquiles (\$13) were smoky, sloppy and delicious, winning out over the short-rib enchiladas (\$14). I must gripe that \$8 is steep for a small bowl of guacamole; I guess you could argue that you're paying for the act of it being "prepared tableside," as the menu says, but ours landed on the table already made.

**The drinks:** Margaritas were seriously strong. Gotta love that pitchers (\$28-\$33) are served sans ice to avoid a watery meltdown. And the servers pouring in the tequila at the table from a bottle holster on their hip might be gimmicky, but at least you can see that you're getting your money's worth.

**Bottom line:** This intimate, garden-level space seemed more suited to a wine bar than the bustling cantina it's become, but we'd return to sit outside.

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# Midwestern roots



**Spinach and artichoke dip**  
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## Roots Handmade Pizza

1924 W. Chicago Ave.  
773-645-4949

Off to a good start

### By Emily Van Zandt

You've heard of New York-style pizza slices and stand proudly behind Chicago deep-dish. But "Quad City style"? Turns out it's a thing, and it has arrived in Ukrainian Village. From the team behind Wicker Park sports bar The Fifty/50, Roots Handmade Pizza serves up pies sliced in strips cut with scissors. Sounds a little strange? We thought so, too. So we headed out to find out just what the new style is all about.

**The crust:** As part of the Quad City style, our waitress explained, the hand-tossed crust gets its flavor from malt. My partner-in-dining and I weren't exactly sure what to expect, but what resulted was a crispy-yet-chewy mix that, texture-wise, was right on the money. The flavor, though, was a bit sweet for my taste.

**The sauce:** What the crust brings in sweet, the sauce counteracts with spice. The chunky red sauce had just enough heat to be noticed but not

overpower the cheese or toppings.

**The toppings:** Roots offers a hefty list of options for dressing your 12- or 16-inch pie. The standards are there (sausage, pepperoni, ham, veggies) along with some more experimental choices such as chicken chorizo, blackened shrimp, Granny Smith apples and roasted corn. A short section of five specialty pizzas includes options such as taco pizza. We opted for the BLT (\$20 for a 12-inch), which arrived with Canadian bacon and diced bacon under a layer of mozzarella cheese (which they say is house-made) and topped with a layer of shredded lettuce and diced tomatoes. I'm not sure I accurately hid the horror on my face when they also dropped off packets of mayonnaise. We were told we could top the pizza with it; we didn't. While the bacon was flavorful and evenly spread across the pie, the lettuce and tomato topping proved a little overwhelming, and I ended up knock-



ing most of it off onto my plate (by the end I had a decent side salad going). Next time I'll opt for a more traditional option, such as the plain sausage, to let the sauce and cheese really shine through.

**Bottom line:** Look for Roots to draw crowds for more than just pizza. With a hefty list of appetizers—the wings (\$8 for five) and spinach dip (\$9) were both on point—and an

insane beer list (think a notebook full of Midwestern brews—around 70 in all—with descriptions about where each came from), this could easily blossom into a neighborhood hot spot (save us a seat on the patio, please).

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**BURWOOD TAP**  
\$4 domestic bottles and Goose Island seasonal drafts; 724 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-525-2593.

**DARKROOM**  
\$3 Goose Island 312 bottles; 2210 W. Chicago Ave.

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**DELILAH'S**  
\$3 Labatt Blue cans and Maker's Mark shots; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

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\$8 Grey Goose cocktails; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**#Lolla set times are out. What is the fest's worst scheduling conflict and why?**

Here are some answers we liked from Twitter and Facebook. Follow @mmxmusic and watch for next week's question.

### TWITTER

@jreed3590  
I'd definitely say

Muse | Coldplay | Ratatat | Girl Talk - 4 amazing shows that'll make my choice tough. Why #Lolla gods, WHY?!?!?

@rcjennings  
Best Coast vs. Portugal. The Man  
Foo Fighters vs. Deadmau5  
Pains Being Pure at Heart vs. City and Colour

@marsacademy  
Muse vs.

Coldplay—no way they should be opposite each other, WAY too much fan overlap. Put them opposite dif genres!

### FACEBOOK

**Ryan Yepsen**  
I'm most pissed about The Mountain Goats going up against Sleigh Bells, actually. I'm glad I get to miss Coldplay and Muse in one night by going to see

Girl Talk.

**Steve Shanananaburch**  
The fact that the Insane Clown Posse are playing the same time as Vanilla Ice. What will the Juggalos do?!

**Maggie Yonts**  
Bright Eyes vs A Perfect Circle is simply unfair. :(

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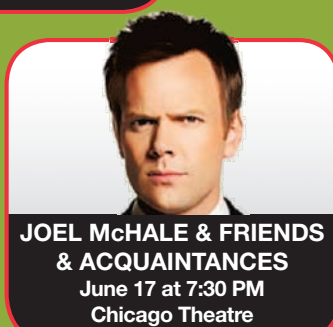
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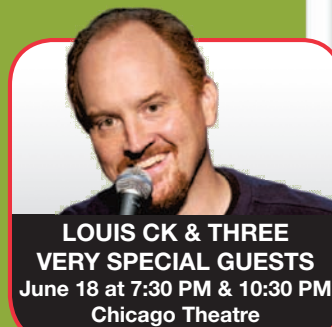
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June 15 at 7:30 PM – Chicago Theatre



**DEMETRI MARTIN & SPECIAL GUESTS**  
June 16 at 7:30 PM - Chicago Theatre



**JOEL McHALE & FRIENDS  
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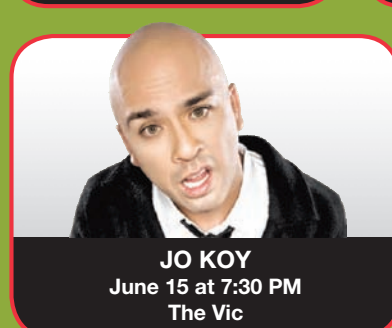
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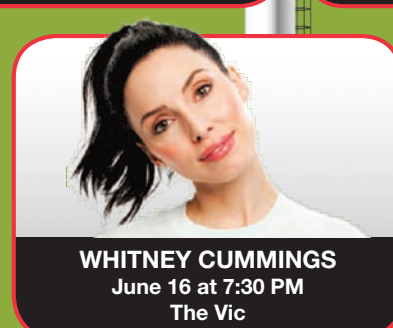
**GEORGE LOPEZ & RUSSELL PETERS**  
June 18 at 8:00 PM – Rosemont Theatre



**RON WHITE & RODNEY CARRINGTON**  
June 15 at 8:00 PM - Rosemont Theatre



**JO KOY**  
June 15 at 7:30 PM  
The Vic



**WHITNEY CUMMINGS**  
June 16 at 7:30 PM  
The Vic



**JEFFREY ROSS  
ROASTS CHICAGO**  
June 17 at 7:30 PM  
The Vic



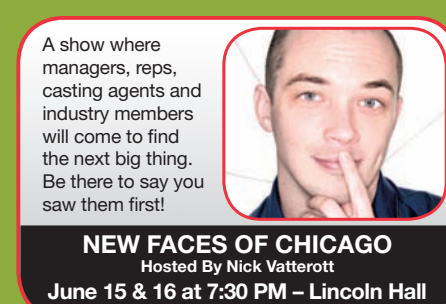
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## TOP SHOWS

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### The Antlers

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9 p.m. Sat. \$16-\$18. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140.

### Chicago Blues Festival

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11 a.m. Fri.-Sun. Free. Jackson and Columbus drives, 300 E. Jackson Drive. 312-744-3316.

### Summer Bash: Lupe Fiasco

His latest album "L.A.S.E.R.S." may have been a letdown—in fact, it definitely was—but the Chicago rapper is still a force to be reckoned with onstage. And we're not giving up on him in the studio. With Pitbull, Chris Brown, Keri Hilson, Big Time Rush, Jay Sean, New Boyz, Far East Movement, Cody Simpson, Tinie Tempah, Joe Jonas, Tino Coury and T-Pain  
5 p.m. Sat. \$47-\$122. Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview. 708-594-7200.



### Bootsy Collins

The great thing about the funk is that you can give it up without losing it completely. So if someone says they want you to give up the funk, it's not that they want to take it from you; they just want you to share. And I think we can all agree that communal funk is better than solo funk.  
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7 p.m. \$16. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

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7 p.m. \$18-\$20. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

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9 p.m. \$5. Cafeteria y Restaurante de Panchito, 2400 N. California Ave. 773-772-7811.

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7:30 p.m. \$27.50. etix.com. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 773-929-5959.

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8 p.m. \$10. Reggie's Music Joint, 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

**INFECTED MUSHROOM**  
10 p.m. \$20. The Mid, 306 N. Halsted St. 312-265-3990.

**THE JUDDS**  
8 p.m. \$27-\$75. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

**JULIAN VELARD, RACHAEL SAGE**  
7 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

**KEITH AND THE COMPLICATIONS, BOB'S YER UNCLE, FLUX CAPACITOR, THE TREE SHAKERS**  
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**SHAMS BAND, FATBOOK, THE CONGREGATION**  
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**Volbeat, Cold and Anchored**, Wednesday, Aug. 17 (\$26.50-\$30.50, 17+) at House of Blues.

**Yellowcard**, Saturday, Oct. 22 (\$22.50-\$25, all ages) at House of Blues.

## ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

\* **Chris Thile and Michael Daves' Band**, Saturday, Sept. 10 (\$17, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

\* **Nikka Costa**, Sunday, Aug. 21 (\$17-\$20), at Lincoln Hall.

\* **Battles**, Friday, Oct. 7 (\$20, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

**Blink 182, My Chemical Romance, Manchester Orchestra**, Saturday, Aug. 20 (\$10.50-\$63, all ages) at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre.

**Marc Broussard, Scars of 45, Chic Gamine**, Saturday, Sept. 10 (\$20, 18+) at Park West.

**Opeth, Katatonia**, Friday, Oct. 28 (\$29.50, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

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**The Congregation, Daryl Hance, The Dirty Rooks**, Thursday, Sept. 29 (\$7, 21+) Double Door.

**The Damned, Th' Legendary Shack Shakers**, Tuesday, Oct. 25 (\$26, 18+) at Metro.

**Electric Six, Kitten**, Friday, Nov. 4 (\$12-\$15, 21+) Double Door.

**Justin Long, Specter, Nathan Drew Larsen, Samone Roberts**, Saturday, July 16 (\$5-\$13, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**Main Squeeze, Peter Terry and the City Profit, Empire State Empress, Jessica Robbins**, Friday, July 8 (\$7-\$9, 21+) at Double Door.



**Jimmy Warren, Terry Quiett**, Friday, July 29 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

**Zedd, DJ Thibault, Polish Ambassador, Lynx, Team Bayside High**, Saturday, July 23 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

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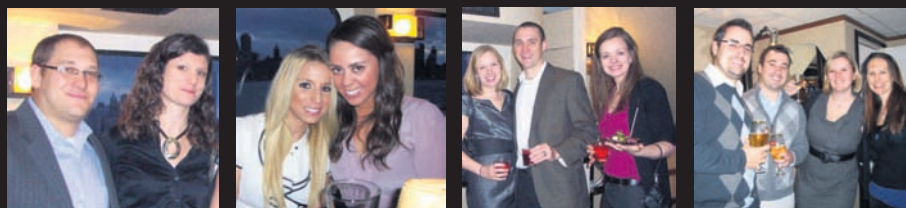
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  - 16 Actress Lange
  - 17 Intl. military alliance
  - 18 President Dwight D. \_
  - 20 "Cat \_ Hot Tin Roof"
  - 21 Actor Gregory
  - 22 Sidestep
  - 23 Parallel railroad rails
  - 25 Scottish denial
  - 26 Kiss
  - 28 Hook and \_ truck; vehicle for firefighters
  - 31 Spine-chilling
  - 32 Irish Spring and Safeguard
  - 34 Nothing
  - 36 Banister
  - 37 Fraternity letter
  - 38 Seaweed
  - 39 Respiratory ailment
  - 40 Clenched hands
  - 41 Self-evident truth
  - 42 Unwrinkled
  - 44 Expatriate
  - 45 Regret
  - 46 Sassy
  - 47 Pacific or Arctic
  - 50 Prepare in advance
  - 51 Spinning toy
  - 54 Like one who pigs out
  - 57 Meat of a young calf
  - 58 Traditional wisdom
  - 59 Line of travel
  - 60 Vanished \_ thin air
  - 61 Personalities
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- 7 Peril
- 8 High card
- 9 "A diller, a dollar, a \_..."
- 10 Pushed
- 11 Dubuque, \_
- 12 Ridiculed
- 13 French mother
- 19 Coin toss call
- 21 \_oneself; work steadily
- 24 Stir up
- 25 California wine-growing region
- 26 Bondservant
- 27 Lunch & dinner
- 28 Drinks like Fido
- 29 Instructs
- 30 Severity
- 32 Obi, for one
- 33 \_ for: select
- 35 Unable to walk
- 37 Windy day toy
- 40 Spring of water
- 41 "So be it!"
- 43 Delivers an address
- 44 Pencil's end
- 46 Woodwind
- 47 Eye flirtatiously
- 48 Wooden shoe
- 49 Lira replacer
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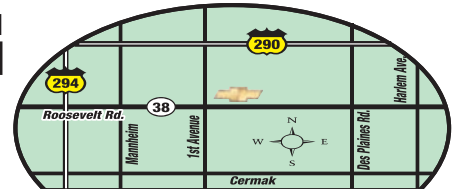
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## CHEAT SHEET

Don't panic if you meet an R&B star this weekend—we've prepared your talking points

By Ariel Alexovich | REDEYE

Hey, you know what this summer needs? A bash! A big, flashy concert filled with pyrotechnics and chock-full of so many sultry R&B stars that if you can't get your mojo going, you probably don't have a pulse. Good news: Once again, B96 will host its annual Summer Bash on Saturday at Toyota Park in Bridgeview. Just in case you happen to run into one of the stars and haven't been paying attention to the gossip, we drew up some tips about what to say and what not to say to some of the Summer Bash headliners. [ARIEL@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:ARIEL@TRIBUNE.COM) | @MISSARIEL

### Keri Hilson



**Ask her about:** Her turn-ons, which she told *InStyle* include darkness and wine.



**Don't bring up:** The recent hotel room mixup in which she accidentally barged in on Avril Lavigne's suite in London.

### Joe Jonas



**Ask him about:** His grooming habits, especially when it comes to his cool new soul patch.



**Don't bring up:** The fact that his ex, "Twilight" vamp Ashley Greene, has been linked to both Gerard Butler and Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the tabs this week.



### Chris Brown



**Ask him about:** The value of his personal brand. He tells *Source*, "The hardest thing about Chris Brown is understanding you're 'Chris Brown.'"



**Don't bring up:** The questionable grammar in his new song with Justin Bieber, "Next 2 U."



### Pitbull



**Ask him about:** His love of Zumba. Apparently Pitbull and Wyclef Jean will be performing for Zumba dance instructors at their upcoming conference in Orlando.



**Don't bring up:** What it was like to record a song with Shakira—and then not get to be in the music video where she pole dances.



### Lupe Fiasco



**Ask him about:** How his latest album, "L.A.S.E.R.S.," saw a huge sales spike on iTunes right after he performed at Sunday's MTV Movie Awards.



**Don't bring up:** How he called President Obama a terrorist during a CBS News interview that aired this week.



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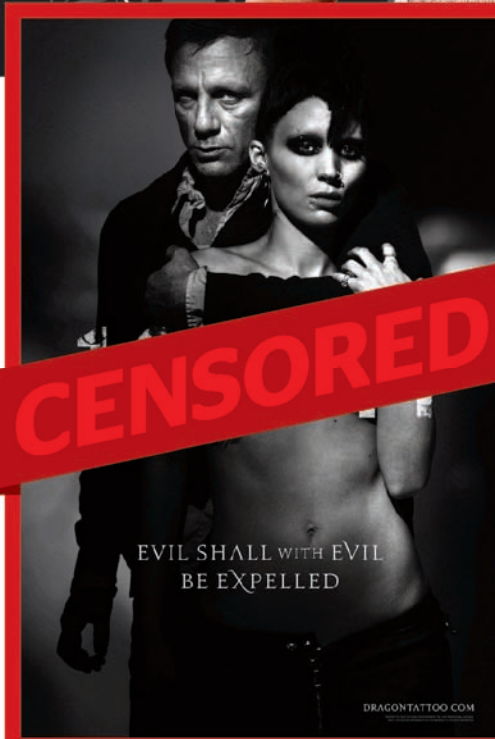
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Get ready to see more of Rooney Mara. A lot more. The tattooed and pierced-up star of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" stands naked with Daniel Craig's protective arm around her in a risqué new poster, with the movie's release date and tagline obscuring her most private parts. Should you want to see the full Mara, you can enter your name, age and date of birth at [dragontattoo.com](http://dragontattoo.com) to view the **uncensored poster**.



### Freaky fiction

Just in time for the release of "Super 8," [complex.com](http://complex.com) has released its 50 Best Sci-fi Movies list. They're oldies but goodies. Here are the Top 5.

1. "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968)
2. "Aliens" (1986)
3. "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" (1982)
4. "A Clockwork Orange" (1971)
5. "The Thing" (1982)



### Hail to the chief

What do you get when you adapt a movie from a novel written by Saddam Hussein? This. Paramount Pictures on Thursday revealed the first picture of Sacha Baron Cohen as the titular character in "The Dictator."

The movie, due out next spring, "tells the heroic story of a dictator who risked his life to ensure that democracy would never come to the country he so lovingly oppressed," [thr.com](http://thr.com) reports.



### Faced!

If you can't beat 'em, compromise with 'em? Warner Bros. might digitally alter Ed Helms' character's face tattoo for the home video release of "The Hangover Part II," [thr.com](http://thr.com) reports. Will that prevent the trial requested by tattoo artist S. Victor Whitmill, who designed Mike Tyson's tattoo referenced in the film? Stay tuned.

### 'Skins' burn

So long, "Skins." The racy teen drama has been canceled, MTV announced Thursday, which isn't exactly a shocker. The show, adapted from an even racier British program by the same name, lost several high-profile advertisers because of its content. Was it really that much worse than "Jersey Shore"?

### THE DIGIT

# 174,000

That's how many copies of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" sold in the album's second week. That's an 84 percent drop from the 1.1 million sold last week, according to [billboard.com](http://billboard.com), when sales were boosted by a 99-cent promotional deal on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



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